

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A rear bicycle derailleur ~~for a bicycle~~, comprising:
a base member having an installation area adapted to be mounted to a bicycle frame
~~for installing to a bicycle body~~;
a movable member ~~parallel rocking member~~;
a pair of parallel links ~~cranks~~ interposed between said base member and said movable
~~parallel rocking member~~ to form parts of a, ~~for constituting an actual~~ parallel link mechanism
together with said base member and said movable member such that said movable member is
movable relative to said base member between a retracted position and an extended position
~~those members~~;
a guide arm pivotally coupled to ~~provided on~~ said movable ~~parallel rocking~~ member
so as to be freely rockable around a first rocking axis without being rotationally biased in a
predetermined rotational direction~~parallel with a rear wheel axle axis~~;
a guide sprocket provided on said guide arm that is so as to be freely rotatable around
a first rotation ~~an~~ axis parallel with said first rocking axis;
a tension arm pivotally coupled to ~~provided on~~ said movable ~~parallel rocking~~ member
so as to be rockable around a second rocking axis ~~parallel with said rear wheel axle axis~~;
a tension sprocket provided on said tension arm that is so as to be freely rotatable
around a second rotation ~~a parallel~~ axis parallel with said second rocking axis; and
a biasing spring provided between said tension arm and said movable ~~parallel rocking~~
member in order to bias said tension sprocket in a rearward direction relative to the bicycle
frame ~~toward the rear of said bicycle~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A rear derailleur according to Claim 1, wherein
said base member is configured and arranged to be pivotally coupled to the bicycle
frame about a base derailleur rocking axis and a link rocking axis about which said parallel
link mechanism rocks is orthogonal relative to said base derailleur rocking ~~rear wheel axle~~
axis.

3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) A rear derailleur according to Claim 1, wherein said first rocking axis is located at a side forward of ~~a bicycle as compared with~~ said second rocking axis when said rear derailleur is mounted to the bicycle frame in a normal operating position.
5. (Currently Amended) A rear derailleur according to Claim 1, wherein ~~a the distance on said tension arm~~ between said second rocking axis and said second rotation ~~an~~ axis of said tension sprocket is longer than a distance ~~that on said guide arm~~ between said first rocking axis and said first rotation ~~the~~ axis of said guide sprocket.
6. (Currently Amended) A rear derailleur according to Claim 1, wherein said installation area of said base member has a through hole formed therein that is configured and arranged to receive ~~for passing through~~ a fixing bolt in order to install said rear derailleur to the bicycle frame ~~when installing to the bicycle body.~~
7. (Currently Amended) A rear derailleur according to Claim 6 ~~1~~, further comprising wherein
a cable pulley rotatably coupled relative to said base member that is configured and arranged to have ~~over which~~ a control cable is looped at least partially around an outer periphery thereof ~~is rotatably provided relative to said base member.~~
8. (Currently Amended) A rear derailleur according to Claim 7, wherein said cable pulley includes a ~~is provided with a roller~~ bearing configured and arranged to reduce ~~for reducing~~ friction during ~~due to the~~ rotation of said cable pulley.
9. (Currently Amended) A rear derailleur according to Claim 7, wherein said through hole and said cable pulley are concentric with each other.
10. (Currently Amended) A rear derailleur according to Claim 7, wherein said through hole and said cable pulley have centers that are offset from each other.

11. (Currently Amended) A rear derailleur according to Claim ~~6~~ 4, wherein said base member is configured and arranged to be ean pivotally be installed to said bicycle frame body using the fixing bolt extending through said through hole; and

said base member includes provided with an adjustable stopper in order to limit its configured and arranged to prevent pivotal movement of said base member relative to the bicycle frame beyond a predetermined pivot position relative to said bicycle body.

12. (Currently Amended) A rear derailleur according to Claim 1, wherein said installation area is a bracket member independent of said base member body, and ~~this~~ said base member body is pivotally installed to said ~~this~~ bracket member.

13. (Currently Amended) A rear derailleur according to Claim 12, wherein said base member includes provided with an adjustable stopper in order to limit its configured and arranged to prevent pivotal movement of said base member relative to said bracket member beyond a predetermined pivot position relative to said bracket member.

14. (Currently Amended) A rear derailleur according to Claim 1, wherein one of said parallel links ~~cranks~~ is provided with a cable fixing structure configured and arranged to fixedly attach means for fixing a control cable thereto.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Cancelled).

17. (New) A rear derailleur according to Claim 1, wherein said first rocking axis is located further from said base member than said second rocking axis.

18. (New) A rear derailleur according to Claim 1, wherein said guide arm and said tension arm are arranged and configured such that said tension arm is pivotal about said second rocking axis without moving said guide arm.

19. (New) A rear derailleur according to Claim 18, wherein
said guide arm and said tension arm are further arranged and configured such that said
guide arm is pivotal about said first rocking axis without moving said tension arm.

20. (New) A rear derailleur according to Claim 1, wherein
said guide arm and said tension arm are arranged and configured such that said guide
arm is pivotal about said first rocking axis without moving said tension arm.

21. (New) A rear derailleur according to Claim 1, wherein
said base member is configured and arranged to be pivotally coupled to the bicycle
frame about a base derailleur rocking axis, and said base member is configured and arranged
to normally remain stationary relative to the bicycle frame during normal use.

22. (New) A rear derailleur according to Claim 1, wherein
a distance between said first rocking axis and said second rocking axis is no larger
than a distance between said first rocking axis and said first rotation axis.

23. (New) A rear bicycle derailleur, comprising:
a base member adapted to be mounted to a bicycle frame;
a movable member movably coupled to said base member to move relative to said
base member between a retracted position and an extended position;
a guide arm pivotally coupled to said movable member so as to be rockable around a
first rocking axis, said guide arm having a guide sprocket rotatably mounted thereto about a
first rotation axis; and
a tension arm pivotally coupled to said movable member so as to be rockable around a
second rocking axis offset from said first rocking axis, said tension arm having a tension
sprocket rotatably mounted thereto about a second rotation axis,
said guide arm being configured and arranged to move independently of movement of
the tension arm and the tension arm being configured and arranged to move independently of
movement of the guide arm, and a distance between said first rocking axis and said second
rocking axis being no larger than a distance between said first rocking axis and said first
rotation axis.

24. (New) A rear derailleur according to Claim 21, wherein said first rocking axis is located further from said base member than said second rocking axis.

25. (New) A rear derailleur according to Claim 21, wherein said base member is configured and arranged to be pivotally coupled to the bicycle frame about a base derailleur rocking axis, and said base member is configured and arranged to normally remain stationary relative to the bicycle frame during normal use.

26. (New) A rear derailleur according to claim 21, wherein said tension arm includes a biasing member arranged to rotationally bias said tension arm about said first rocking axis in order to bias said tension sprocket in a rearward direction relative to the bicycle frame.

27. (New) A rear derailleur according to claim 21, wherein said guide arm is pivotally coupled to said movable member so as to be freely rockable around said first rocking axis without being rotationally biased in a predetermined rotational direction.